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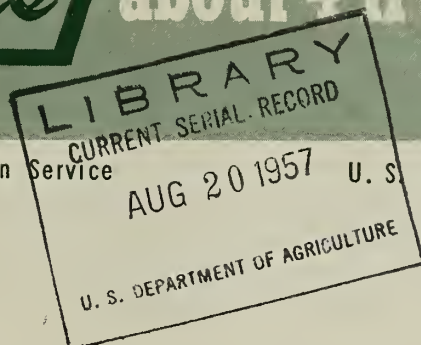
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Dear Coworkers:

As the discussions relating to agricultural adjustment and parity income become more intense during the coming months and year, watch for some important implications for Extension youth workers. There is increasing talk and evidence of excess resources in agriculture--human and physical. It is predicted that 50 to 65 percent of farm youth should find off-the-farm employment. Otherwise it is feared that their labor and management contribution may aggravate the already burdensome surpluses of food and fiber.

We call your attention to a thoughtful article on this subject by Dr. Earl O. Heady, Head of Agricultural Economics at Iowa State College. It is entitled, "Adaptation of Extension Education and Auxiliary Aids to the Basic Economic Problem of Agriculture" and appeared first in the February, 1957 issue of the Journal of Farm Economics. One reprint copy is enclosed for each State 4-H leader. We commend it for your careful reading and staff study and discussion. The Iowa Extension staff has already organized a seminar and discussion series on basic adjustments needed in agriculture, including adjustments in human resources.

Here are a few of the questions which have come out of our Division staff meetings on this subject:

1. If more than half of farm youth must leave or otherwise constitute a depressing influence on national farm income, how shall the choice be made?
2. What information does a youth need to help him make a choice? Where can he get it today?
3. Is the objective of 4-H to train youth for farming and rural living only? If not, what responsibility do we have to the majority of rural youth of this generation who will not be farmers?
4. Is there a need or opportunity for some pilot and exploratory Extension work in a few counties to see if we can gain some experience and find some effective ways of helping rural youth with this adjustment problem?
5. Do you know of some good work already going on which can help all of us get facts and understanding on the problem? If so, will you observe it, please, and send us some reports so that all may share?

RAY A. TURNER, 4-H PIONEER

By this time you all know that Ray Turner, a stalwart leader in 4-H Club work, died in late April at his home in Evart, Michigan. His brilliant and productive career in 4-H began in his native State, where he became Michigan State 4-H Club Leader in 1918.

Ray demonstrated that 4-H Club work had a significant place in helping rural youth. Through such activities as training county 4-H workers in ways of working with youth, through establishing a State 4-H Week and 4-H at the State Fair, he built a strong youth program and prestige for it.

In 1924, Ray and Irene Turner moved to Washington, D. C., where his chief supervisory concern was for the North Central Region. His contributions to the Nation-wide programs are legion, including such activities as helping to establish the National 4-H Club Camp, serving as chairman of the awards judging committee for 27 years, establishing the clover awards for local leaders, pioneering in 4-H radio programs, helping to work towards a National 4-H Center, and many others. Also, he was able to get training conferences started for State 4-H leaders in the Central Region.

When the National 4-H Conference delegates paid their visit to the National 4-H Center, they were reminded that Turner Hall was named for this great gentleman, for his interest in the Center as well as for advancing 4-H on all fronts.

TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

The success of National 4-H Conference reflects the teamwork and hard work of many individuals, many of whom could not be recognized publicly. The impact of this Conference on improved Nationwide 4-H programs will reflect that hard work. The Division of 4-H Club and YMW Programs is truly appreciative of the wonderful support given by the entire staff of FES and by State coworkers.

Those of you who were not in Washington will probably have heard some reporting of the discussions and the program features. Additional follow-up will be made through committee reports and other summaries, which will be sent to you at a later date.

TEN HONORED AS FRIENDS-OF-4-H

In appreciation of outstanding contributions to the development of 4-H Club programs, citations were made to the following:

E. R. Eastman, editor, American Agriculturist
Mrs. Enid A. Haupt, editor and publisher, Seventeen Magazine
Norman C. Mindrum, executive director, National 4-H Club Foundation
Mary Omen, Head of Consumer Services, J. C. Penney Co., Inc.
J. Homer Remsburg, farmer and dairy industry leader
Charles B. Shuman, President, American Farm Bureau Federation
George B. Taylor, Agricultural Development Director, U. S. Rubber Company
Howard F. Todd, former Farm Department Manager, American Oil Company
Louis H. Wilson, National Plant Food Institute - Secretary and Information Director
Zella Hale Weyant, Director of Research and Education, Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation

HONORS TO STATE 4-H WORKERS

Citation certificates for "Meritorious and sustained professional leadership" were presented to three State 4-H leaders who have retired during the past year: A. G. Kettunen and P. G. Lundin of Michigan and J. W. Whitehouse of Kentucky.

The gold key awards for 25 years of 4-H service were presented to Agnes Hansen, Wisconsin; Florence Kimmelshue, Illinois; Fred Colby, Tennessee; and R. W. Whaples, Connecticut.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY FOR 4-H FELLOWS

The opening days of National 4-H Conference also included a reunion of about 27 of the 58 former and present National 4-H fellows, in observance of the 25th anniversary of the program. This gave an opportunity for the 4-H Conference delegates and friends to learn of the fellowship.

Dr. Gladys Gallup, Director, Division of Extension Research and Training, announced the 1957-58 fellowship recipients, who will start their program in September. They are: Ruth Brasher, Utah; Clinton A. Conant, Maine; John H. Gant, Indiana; Lucille Jamison, Tenn.; Elizabeth Snoddy, Hawaii; and William E. Tedrick, Ohio.

TENTH REGIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

August 11 to 19 are the dates for the Regional 4-H Club Camp, with headquarters at Howard University in Washington, D. C. Director David S. Weaver of North Carolina, is chairman of the planning committee. About 125 Negro 4-H delegates from 17 States, and 40 to 50 of their adult Extension workers, will be participating. In line with the anniversary theme, some outstanding Camp alumni are being invited back to participate.

The final program has been arranged with some outstanding features planned. The Camp operations will open their program with a feature about the Department of Agriculture. Dr. E. B. Evans, President of Prairie View A & M College, Prairie View, Tex., will be one of the principal speakers. Jesse Owens, who was an outstanding Negro athlete and is now with the Illinois Youth Commission, will be featured on the program on Saturday, August 17. His appearance is being made possible through the cooperation of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work.

SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY

State and county workers are eligible to receive surplus Federal property including supplies and equipment suitable for camp use. Regional Property Coordinators are being alerted by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Requests should go through your regular college or university channels. See Mr. Ferguson's letter to State Extension Directors of May 29, 1957.

We will appreciate an occasional word on your situation in this regard.

THE SECOND WORLD RURAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Sponsored by WAY (World Assembly of Youth) this second conference is scheduled for August 25 to September 2, 1957, at Kandy, Ceylon. We have been invited to arrange for youth participation from 4-H and Extension activities. The objectives and program of work for WAY are commendable and the Assembly's operations are felt to be in keeping with the objectives of 4-H.

Do you know of qualified young people who may be in the Far East at the time of the conference and who could represent us there? We have considered the possibility of one or more IFYE delegates accepting this opportunity but the schedules seem to be a barrier and we cannot work out satisfactory plans.

At the present time, no financial assistance is available for travel expenses. We are confident, however, that any young person who can find his own means would feel that the trip was a rewarding experience. Please advise as soon as possible if you know of worthy available candidates.

A LEADERSHIP RESOURCE FOR YOUR 4-H ENTOMOLOGY WORK

M. P. Jones, entomologist with FES, appeared on the programs for the four regional meetings sponsored by ARS--Crops Regulatory Division and Entomology Research Division. He discussed public relations dealing primarily with Extension's contribution to pest control programs. He referred to the opportunities for entomologists in various fields to support 4-H Club entomology, and also to the teaching aids available.

All 48 States were represented at these important meetings with commissioners and secretaries of agriculture as well as members of their staffs, deans of colleges of agriculture and representatives of their staffs, in addition to Agricultural Research Service personnel.

JOINT MEETING WITH DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Our Division staff recently shared another of those profitable sessions with another FES Division--this time the Division of Agricultural Economics Programs. We discussed ways for our joint efforts to be more effective in marketing, public policy, farm management, credit and cooperatives, and consumer marketing work with youth and young adults.

We trust you take every effort to get acquainted with these FES coworkers when they are in your State. They will welcome a chance for sharing ideas with you.

4-H AT AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF COOPERATION

Bob Teegarden of Missouri will wield the gavel as youth chairman for the A.I.C. meetings at Fort Collins, Colorado, next August 18-21. Under the established plan, the honor of having the youth chairmanship rotates between 4-H and FFA.

Many other 4-H representatives will be selected for important program assignments. Information about these has come to you from Howard McClarren through his regular newsletter. We hope you will respond by suggesting your young people who can perform well and who will be delegates at Fort Collins. Fern Shipley is our liaison for this event.

4-H YOUTH INVITED TO GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER

Twenty-one States have been invited to name a 4-H Club boy to enjoy a weekend of hospitality at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago. Overall purpose of the activity is to show the young men of America what the Navy is doing. The Training Center has invited former trainees and their families, plus some leading citizens and representatives of a few youth-serving organizations, among them 4-H. One State a week is to be honored from now until mid-September.

HI-Y AND TRI-HI-Y

Two 4-H delegates were guests of this Congress at Miami University (Ohio), June 26 to July 1. They were Richard Kiracofe and Shirley Overturf. We salute the "Y" for excellent youth programs and are happy that 4-H was represented at their conference.

4-H CLUB WORK WITH INDIANS

Your response to our questionnaire on Indian 4-H work was very helpful and gratifying - with a prompt reply from practically every State and Territory. Many of you also took time to give us some discerning comments. By way of progress report--you reported 12,525 members and 473 Indian volunteer 4-H leaders as now active in 4-H. Many of you also indicated the number was increasing since Extension personnel have been added in many areas.

350TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAIRYING

We all appreciate the American Dairy Association's interest in 4-H Club work in presenting Jersey heifers to four 4-H Club members in recognition of the 350th anniversary of the founding of the dairy industry in America.

Our congratulations go to the selected club members in Colorado, Michigan, North Carolina and Maryland who were chosen to receive the animals.

WASHINGTON DAIRY JUDGING TEAM IN ENGLAND

A party of seven from Whatcom County, Washington, are in England as 4-H representatives at the International Dairy Judging Contest at the Royal Show. Competition was July 2, with Washington placing fourth in the international competition. This is the team that scored high at the National 4-H Dairy Judging contest at Waterloo last fall. They have also been outstanding in Chicago. Team members are Bonnie and David Dickson, Gary Bailey and Larry Benson.

Congratulations go to the Extension workers in the State of Washington and to friends of 4-H who helped raise the necessary finances and make other arrangements.

A welcome-home dinner sponsored by the National Milk Producers Federation will be held here for the team on July 22.

GOD-HOME-COUNTRY AWARD

The National Catholic Rural Life Conference provides this honor award for "any Catholic 4-H Club member who has completed at least four years of satisfactory 4-H Club work, and who has a commendable record of individual and group activities in the club and in the work of the Church."

We are pleased that the Catholic Church has thus recognized and encouraged 4-H Clubs.

For several years, such an award has been made by the Lutheran Church. Also, you are probably familiar with the recommendation of the Spiritual Emphasis Program Development Committee to the effect that "Church groups desiring to offer an award similar to the God, Home, and Country Award now being offered by the Lutheran Church be allowed to do so."

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS ACCEPT OUR INVITATION

Our Division staff had a very pleasant luncheon discussion recently with staff members of the Future Homemakers--Miss Lois Oliver, Miss Mildred Reel and Mrs. Beth Denniston. We hope this is the first of many such profitable discussions. Some of you met Miss Oliver two years ago when she participated in the Silver Anniversary National 4-H Club Camp on the alumni panel. She was a National Camper from Tennessee.

4-H AND SCOUTING

Mark A. Geesling, County Agent of Kent County, Tex., writes about "4-H and Scouting Teamwork Serves Our Boys" in the April 1957 issue of Scouting. He stresses how the two programs can cooperate and complement each other and cites experiences in Kent County.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO TWENTY PRESENT AND FORMER 4-H MEMBERS

Twenty present and former 4-H members have received scholarships of \$250 each in the second year of a Nationwide program of which Charles Pfizer and Company is the donor. All are selected agricultural college students. They were chosen for scholarships on the basis of their achievement in 4-H and their interest in extension work as a career. Through the program, career young people with 4-H background are helped in financing college training or actual on-the-job extension training in overcoming livestock diseases and improving animal health.

CLOTHING COMMITTEE MEETS

The National Clothing Program Development Committee met in Madison, Wis., May 6-9. The agenda included looking into studies made in the 4-H clothing program, discussing the needs and interests of young people in clothing and setting up overall objectives. Martha Harrison, Ga., is chairman.

INSPIRING PROGRAM AT CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

The New England County 4-H Club Agents' Association sponsors the traditional 4-H devotional service held annually in the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, N.H. This inspiring event attracts 4-H Club members, leaders, and parents from six States.

4-H EXCHANGES - MANY OF THEM

We are amazed at the number and variety of 4-H exchanges! On every hand, we hear about interstate, inter-county, and international programs. Here are just a few of the recent developments:

- Both Wisconsin and Minnesota have developed a set of policies. Wisconsin has developed a "Suggested Procedure" and Minnesota a "Policy Statement" to guide inter- and intra-state exchange programs.
- The National 4-H Club Agents' Association has a committee on youth exchanges. Currently, Rodney Hammel of New York is chairman.
- A 4-H Camp Counselor exchange has been started by 4-H Club agents from Waukesha County, Wis. and Nassau County, N.Y. This one resulted from informal discussions at the National meeting of the Association.
- After six years of the Minnesota-Mississippi exchange, they have decided to get acquainted with additional areas. Minnesota is planning a Canadian exchange.
- Bankers in Des Moines County, Iowa, and Laramie County, Wyo., are in the picture, too. They are financing the exchange of two Iowa 4-H girls to go to Wyoming for two weeks, and two Wyoming 4-H girls to eastern Iowa.
- Several of the States along the Canadian border have exchanges for State events. In fact, they have had for four years. Many counties in the Northern States also have programs in operation with corresponding Canadian units.

CONNECTICUT CLUB WINS HONORS IN TABLE SETTING

The Merry Maidens 4-H Club of Ledyard, Conn., received first prize in Seventeen Magazine's Nationwide Taste-Setter table setting contest. The contest was designed to help young people cultivate good taste and judgment in entertaining. It was open to teenage groups from coast to coast through regional competitions. An "after-the-prom" theme was chosen by the winning 16-year old 4-H'ers, whose cash prize will be used to decorate and furnish a club room. Members will also have possession in one year of a sterling silver Taste-Setter cup with the group's name engraved on it.

FARM SAFETY CITATIONS TO 4-H

A leader and a member recently received Farm Safety Citations for Meritorious Service in the safety field. They were Miss Marjorie Rauwerdink (leader) of Sheyboygan Falls, Wis., and Rex Ingerson of Mansfield, Mo. They typified accomplishments of 4-H leaders and members across the country.

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK - JULY 21-27, 1957

The Situation: Some clubs and some counties involve 4-H and YMW groups in certain programs or promotions in safety during this week. These activities are somewhat similar to those of National 4-H Club Week.

The Need: We need samples, case histories or write-ups of several successful efforts.

The Request: Would you provide us with one such report by a county doing one of the better jobs?

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Reply (Send to C. C. Lang)
Please!

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK REPORTS

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Many wonderful reports of significant activities during National 4-H Club Week are still being received. Of special note is a report from Indiana which included a composite report of 32 counties. Fifty 24' x 12' outdoor billboards were scattered throughout the State with the slogan, "4-H Builds America."

AN ALERT TO SALES EFFORT

Two Midwestern State 4-H Club Leaders have alerted us to the operations of National Press at Ethel, Mo. This firm apparently has a list of local leaders and clubs and is promoting a sales program for a party and game book. Reportedly, the sales representatives give the impression that State and National approval has been given for this campaign. Such is certainly not the case so far as this office or the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club work is concerned. We thought you might want to be alerted.

PROMOTIONAL PLAN NOT 4-H CLEARED

Several States have notified us of a promotional plan by the F. M. Stamper Company Mill at Moberly, Mo. A letter and materials sent by their director of customer relations invites 4-H, FFA and FHA members to participate in a Third Annual Stamper Youth Auction, August 31, 1957. We thought you would wish to know that this proposal has not had the authorization or sanction of the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work or this office. Since the materials placed in our hands do not bear the emblem of 4-H Club work, we have no direct means of prohibiting the circularization at this time.

WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF YMW

Another outstanding event for the young men and women from eight States west of the Mississippi River, north of Kansas-Oklahoma State line and south of the international boundary line. The conference theme was: Challenging Wayward Winds. Over 250 young people traveled from as far as 800 miles to attend the conference on the campus of North Dakota State School of Science. As usual the officers were in full charge of the program; however, they relied heavily on the advisory committee of Sylvia Gerhardson, Minn.; John Orr, Nebr.; Bob Pinches, Iowa; and Pauline Reynolds, N. Dak.

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE

"Leads for Leaders"

Howard Stelle, County Club Agent in Onandaga County, N.Y., reports this month. He outlines a new leader training program. One striking result of the program in Onandaga County is that there is a backlog of trained leaders, ready and waiting.

"Some Essential Contributions of State Staff Members to Farm and Home Development"

Enclosed is a copy of multilith material developed by a committee representing all segments of FES. It was designed to alert and point up the opportunities which individual staff members or State staff groups might recognize for serving young people and families through the farm and home unit approach. You will observe that the first three pages apply across the board to all State staffs. The balance of the material explains additional specific suggestions for individual members of the total Extension team.

"When You Hold a County-wide 4-H Club Event"

To meet the requests of many of you, a rerun has been made of the small folded leaflet by this title. Perhaps you have even forgotten or do not know about it. Some States have incorporated this material in their own publications. You will recall that it is based on results of a study by Dorothy Arvidson, Indiana, 4-H Fellow.

"The Special Milk Program for Summer Camps"

The publication was enclosed with our last letter but came too late for appropriate comments. The pamphlet tells how a non-profit camp can receive assistance to help advance the cost of extra milk served, if the quantity is increased.

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE VALUABLE AIDS?

"A Study of the International Farm Youth Exchange, 1953"

Laurel Sabrosky's study was sent by Warren Schmidt to the IFYE contact person in each State. A limited number of copies for others interested are available upon request to Mrs. Sabrosky or Mr. Schmidt. Pages 69 through 84 give an excellent summary of the findings and implications and might be the basis for profitable staff discussion.

"Wa-Kon-Da-Dhe-Dhu" (Published Articles of I. B. "Tubby" Boggs)

As a tribute to "Tubby" Boggs, former State Boys' 4-H Club Agent, the West Virginia University 4-H Club has collected some of his best writing for publication. Included in the book are 60 "Little 4-H Journeys" from 4-H Suggestions; 90 "Chummy Chats" from West Virginia Farm News; articles from State Boys' 4-H Camp Programs, and biographies from "Uncle Charlie" Hartley and George Sharpe. Profits from the sale of the book (cost--\$2.00 per copy) go to the I. B. Boggs Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"The Story of John Porter" (new film)

Several of our staff members attended the premiere showing of this film, produced by the National Canners Association and designed to show the career opportunities in the field of horticulture. It is well done. Runs approximately 23 minutes. You may borrow a copy for showing in your State by writing to Mr. Grant B. Snyder, 103 French Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

"Directing Your Dollar" (a filmstrip)

This filmstrip in color, is geared to teenagers. It has excellent possibilities for discussions on money management with older members. Might be used as a trial test to see how much interest teenagers have in the wise use of money. Available from the Institute of Life Insurance, 488 Madison Avenue, New York 22,

"Summary of Service Provided by the National Committee"

This is a gem of a summary of the services offered through the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. Well told and well organized.

"Annual Report of the National 4-H Club Foundation"

The informative and attractive report summarizes support through the Foundation. The listing of donors is an interesting idea. Some of the States--Tennessee, for example--are sending this report to each of the contributing banks.

"Breads of Many Lands"

Sent to the States by the National Committee. This attractive, well-illustrated leaflet will have an appeal for teenagers. A leaders' guide and a demonstration outline are also available.

"Conservation Project Kit"

The Product Design Company of Redwood City, Calif., has requested permission to send you a brochure on water supply units. No doubt you will have the opportunity to review some of the educational aids which the company provides.

Program Projection

A statement on this topic has been prepared by a committee of Federal Extension staff members. Copies have been sent to each State director. These are for discussion, not necessarily wide distribution.

SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS BEING USED IN THE STATES

STAFF AND LEADER TRAINING:

MAINE - Nova Scotia Agents Study 4-H in Maine

A group of Extension workers from Nova Scotia shared with Ken Lovejoy and Margaret Stevens in a firsthand look at 4-H in Maine. In addition to discussions at the State office, they attended a county leader training meeting and worked with 4-H agents in additional counties. From Maine, the group went to New Hampshire. Nova Scotia agents are called agricultural representatives and are responsible for both adult and 4-H Club work.

MONTANA - Set of Slides on 4-H Records

A set of slides to be used for leadership training covers enrollment forms, permanent records, and project records for three typical projects. These are loaned to counties or made available for purchase. The charts were first made by Brick Vaughn for a series of leader training meetings and met with such favorable response that they were offered Statewide.

MICHIGAN - "Gong Bongers"

That is the catchy title for ideas-that-clicked as reported by county 4-H agents at their training conference in mid-May. One of the other features was a report of the various developmental committees that had worked throughout the year.

VERMONT - District Leader Meetings

A spring and fall series of district parent-local leader training meetings are planned in Vermont. Dr. William Lampard, human relations specialist, has been discussing the topic "The Individual as a Group Member" in the spring series. Miss Dorothy Emerson of Maryland will discuss "Developing Confidence for Leadership" in the October series.

MARKETING AND BUSINESS TRAINING:

ALABAMA - Study of Farm Cooperatives

4-H Club boys and girls in 56 Alabama counties entered the 4-H essay and public speaking program on farm cooperatives. This program has had wide participation over the State.

LOUISIANA - "Marketing of Farm Products - Specialists on the Farm"

This was the title of a marketing program for 4-H Club members held on the farm of David B. Means, Jr., in DeSoto Parish. Older 4-H Club members studied the Means farm and how the products of the farm were marketed. This is a way of studying marketing first hand.

MISSOURI - Meat Identification Meetings

A series of 4-H meat identification and judging meetings is scheduled during the next three months. Club members enrolled in meat animal or foods projects, or in junior leaders are eligible to participate. Training will be conducted by State Club agents and extension livestock marketing specialists.

OKLAHOMA - County Farm Project

4-H'ers in Craig County are gaining experience with a county farm project. The County Council is operating a 34-acre farm project on which they have planted oats, soybeans, and maize. The members are cultivating the crops, will harvest, and follow the grain to market. The money will go into their county treasury.

TENNESSEE - Delegation to A.I.C. - Help from State Associations

Plans are moving forward for a large delegation of older 4-H Club members to attend the American Institute of Cooperation youth meeting in Ft. Collins. A State planning meeting was held with the representatives of different State Cooperative Associations. Our reports are that this was a very profitable and highly significant session. Here is a real source of leadership.

WASHINGTON - Marketing Demonstrations and Talks

Here is interesting followup of the Marketing Days held recently at Seattle. During the three-day period, boys and girls wrote down as many ideas for illustrated talks or demonstrations on marketing as they could think of. The ideas were to be based on suggestions received from various talks and tours. A compilation of the ideas--135 of them--was then assembled and sent to all of the counties. Sounds like an effective adaptation of the brain-storming plan.

PROGRAMS FOR OLDER 4-H MEMBERS:

CONNECTICUT - New Project Literature based on Survey

Home management and home improvement projects are in process of being rewritten. A random survey made about a year ago to find the interests and needs of members is being used as the basis. A committee including specialists, county agents, and leaders, is involved in the revision. Project units and subject matter are to be based on needs and interests, geared to age level, tested before being put into final form.

MONTANA - Reporting on Conservation Camp

1956 Conservation Campers shared their experiences in the following ways: 228 talks and demonstrations, 65 news articles, 17 radio and TV programs, 55 exhibits and displays prepared--reaching an estimated 10,400 people. On the basis of sharing activities since the 1956 camp, six members were selected to return in 1957 and serve as junior staff members.

OKLAHOMA - Share the Fun

One of the principal features at the Oklahoma State Roundup was the "Share-the-Fun" activity which continues to have wide participation in the State. A total of 132 clubs participated in the district contest.

RHODE ISLAND - 4-H Members Invited to Help in Research

Rhode Island 4-H gardeners are offered a chance to take part in a research project of the University of Rhode Island, Agricultural Experiment Station to help find a new early, high quality, crack-free tomato. The Experiment Station researchers feel they have a variety nearly ready to be named and introduced. They want to be sure it is superior under many different weather and soil conditions, so they have asked the 4-H boys and girls to assist. Members are eligible to cooperate if they have had a successful garden project for at least a year.

TEXAS - State Round-Up

The general theme for the Round-Up program centered on a "People-to-People" program. The Round-up was held at College Station, June 11-13, with the three-fold purpose of providing a basis for understanding among people, offering leadership and subject matter, and acquainting youth with opportunities at A & M College.

VERMONT - 4-H Junior Leaders Committee

A recently-organized committee has four aims: (1) Having a continuing planning group, with representation from each county, to advise on 4-H junior leader program; (2) Having a group of 4-H junior leaders, who are prepared to help create and maintain desirable standards of participation, attend 4-H junior leader conferences; (3) Recognizing outstanding 4-H junior leaders; and (4) Providing an additional leadership development experience. First meeting of the committee was held in March.

WASHINGTON - Career Guidance

Industry and college representatives joined hands to offer "Career Days" for the 1200 4-H youth who were on the WSC campus, June 10-15, for the 33rd annual State 4-H Club Camp. A panorama of 20 to 30 career day booths featured industrial exhibits from fertilizer distributors, power suppliers, dairy associations, public utilities, livestock marketing agencies, agricultural journalism, and lending institutions. WSC consultants were also on hand to offer answers to questions of 4-H'ers about fields of employment in agriculture and industry.

WISCONSIN - State Club Week Gives Climax to Music Program

A State 4-H band of 75 pieces, a State 4-H chorus of 60 voices, and eight musical ensembles will have a prominent part in assembly programs at State Club Week on the University Campus in late June. All this is a climax to a Statewide 4-H music program and is built around the 4-H music objective of "Every Club a Singing Club."

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SERVICE:

GEORGIA - Bibles for 4-H Center

The State Farm Bureau has provided Bibles for all the cottages at Rock Eagle Center. These were presented during the special 4-H Club assembly in connection with the annual conference of the Georgia Home Demonstration Council.

KANSAS - Three Buildings Dedicated at Rock Springs Ranch

Dr. Kenneth Hildebrand, Nationwide friend of 4-H and a native of Kansas, was on hand to help dedicate the new auditorium, chapel and health center at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center. This was a part of the State 4-H Round-up program. Dr. Hildebrand also addressed the group on the topic, "Liberty is a Lot of Things."

MISSISSIPPI - Tribute to Donors and Sponsors

The 4-H staff has dedicated certain issues of its monthly 4-H newsletter to the sponsors and donors of 4-H Club work in the State, as a public relations feature to recognize the fine support received.

NORTH CAROLINA - County Signs

More county "4-H Welcome Signs" are being placed in the counties because of an arrangement which the 4-H Club Department has made with Prison Industries, Central Prison, Raleigh, N. C. The prison is manufacturing 16-gauge galvanized steel or .064 gauge aluminum at a minimum cost to the County Council.

NEW JERSEY - New Building at State 4-H Camp

A new building is the gift of the New Jersey Farm Electrification Council. This group is a long-time cooperator in furthering proper use of electricity on farms and in homes. The New Jersey 4-H Club Camp is located in Stokes Forest in Sussex County.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Community Service

One of the many worthy projects being publicized in South Carolina is that of building a community library. The Crossroads 4-H Club of Oconee County has been busy making and painting shelves for the library and already 300 volumes are available.

TEXAS - Parkin' Lot 4-H Fair

The May issue of Better Farming Methods, page 16, tells of an interesting activity in Tarrant County, Tex. City and county folks were cleverly and effectively lured into taking a closer look at 4-H activities.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS:

A. G. Kettunen, retired State 4-H Club Leader of Michigan, has been recognized and distinctively honored by the Government of Finland. Kett has twice given generously of his time and talents in the training of leadership for 4-H Club work in that country. His contribution is a unique one since he speaks the language fluently and has himself enjoyed rich experiences in the youth leadership field. During National 4-H Conference, the Finnish Embassy presented Mr. Kettunen with the Order of the Finnish Lion. This distinction has been given to only a very few persons outside of Finland. Congratulations are in order to a great leader.

Martha Harrison of Georgia was the State 4-H staff member included among the 24 Extension workers who received superior service awards during the recent USDA Honor Awards program. Martha's citation read: "For leadership and vision in developing a 4-H Club program in Georgia that is providing maximum opportunities for growth and development among the youth of the State." Practically all of the Extension workers who were recognized have made significant contributions to 4-H Club work.

Five State 4-H Club workers are receiving fellowships at the National Agricultural Extension Center and will enroll at Wisconsin next fall. They include George Hull of Oklahoma and Kenneth S. Olsen of North Dakota who will be working towards doctorates. Richard O. Lyon of Ill., J. A. Reynolds, Va., and James Y. Shigeta of Hawaii will be working towards masters degrees.

Billy J. Allen has recently joined the 4-H staff in Florida as a replacement for Ben H. Floyd. Mr. Allen was a 4-H Club member in Kentucky and did graduate work at the University of Florida.

Minnesota announces the appointment of two new 4-H staff members. Howard J. Newell became a district 4-H Club leader on April 1. He has had both commercial and county extension experience. Lauretta Schell joined the State 4-H staff on June 1, coming from a position in Lac Qui Parle County. Both have been fine 4-H Club members.

Gwen Bacheller resigned from the Minnesota staff on June 1 to become a full-time homemaker. Another staff member, Elaine Tessman Christiansen, resigned as of April 1.

Mrs. Doris Lambeth has accepted a temporary appointment on the New Mexico 4-H staff while Tiny Faye Jones is on study leave. Doris has a successful record in doing 4-H work on a county basis.

Marvin C. Hansen, who joined the Wisconsin staff May 1, has been a county extension worker since 1943. One of his new duties will be supervising the camping program at Upham Woods, a position held by Wakelin McNeel, former State Club Leader.

Alice Carlson of Oklahoma is now Mrs. Price Moffitt, our most recent State staff bride. Best wishes are pouring in to Alice from her many friends across the Nation.

Mrs. Vivian Landry is soon to join the Territorial 4-H staff in Hawaii. She has been a successful agent in South Oahu County.

New on the California staff, as of July 1, is Jack Herr. Jack has been agent in Placer County and has also served on the State Extension 4-H Advisory Committee in a capable way.

Miss Georgia Hess, formerly of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company and one of our truly supportive 4-H friends over many years, has recently retired from her position. We all wish Miss Georgia continued good health and many, many interesting years ahead while she is pursuing her own hobbies.

Miss Marjorie Moe, formerly 4-H and home economics editor on the South Dakota staff, now holds the same position on the Maryland staff.

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Earlier, we referred to the book containing writings of the late "Tubby" Boggs, beloved State 4-H Leader of West Virginia. May we close with a quote from a section entitled, "Ideal Extension Workers." Tubby expressed so well the philosophy that motivates us:

"Is my work important? I BELIEVE IT IS. It deals with boys and girls, citizens of tomorrow. They will take up where we leave off. So, whatever I can do (or you) to help them to better understand their mission in rural or urban life is important.

"In 4-H Clubs they conduct meetings. They learn about democracy, and democracy is important. They do a piece of farm or home work in accordance with the best known scientific methods. That is important. Through their project work they contribute to an adequate family food supply so necessary in the development of strong healthy bodies. That is important. They carry on definite projects for community betterment--recreation, sanitation, beautification, conservation, and those improvements are important.

"They fashion their lives in accordance with a balanced four-fold pattern--Head, Hands, Heart, Health--and that's important. These and many other activities which contribute to the development of 4-H Club boys and girls and which add to their usefulness as American citizens cause me to have abounding faith in my work."

Sincerely yours,



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